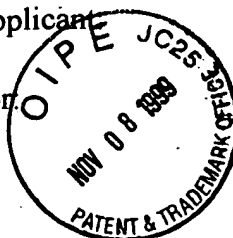


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Applicant: Ritzdorf et al.
For: Method for Filling Recessed
Micro-Structures with
Metallization in the Production
of a Microelectronic Device

Serial No.: 09/018,783
Filed: February 4, 1998
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Dear Sir:

The above-identified application was ruled to have become abandoned by the Patent and Trademark Office for failure to file a timely and proper response to the Notice to File Missing Parts, mailed on April 23, 1998, which set a 2 month period for filing an executed oath or declaration, and the surcharge of \$130 for the late filing of the executed oath/declaration. The abandonment of this application is June 24, 1998, the day after the expiration date of the period set for response.

APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION

The abandonment of the application was caused by the failure to prosecute from an unintentional delay. The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date until the filing of a grantable petition, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b), was unintentional. A statement explaining in detail how the delay in discovering the abandoned status occurred, and the cause of the delay in filing the petition is attached hereto.

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A response in the form of an executed declaration is attached.

A check in the amount of \$1340.00 is enclosed, including \$130 for payment of the surcharge for the late filing of the executed oath/declaration, and \$1210 for payment of the required petition fee, as defined by 37 CFR 1.17(m).

If the Commissioner determines any additional fees are necessary, stemming from the Applicants' petition and payment enclosed herein, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to our Deposit Account No. 04-1644. The Commissioner is further authorized to credit our deposit account for any excess fee paid.

The applicant would respectfully request that the petition be granted, and that the patent application be restored or reinstated for the purposes of continued prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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